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SEMENOV STATEMENT, JANUARY 18, 1978

- I

IN THE COURSE OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS THE DELEGATIONS DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO CONSIDERING THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5, OF THE DRAFT TREATY--ON THE DEFINITIONS OF ICBM LAUNCHRS, AND OF ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS.

THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT AS OF DECEMBER 16, 1977 CLEARLY SHOWS THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE WORK DONE, MOST OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE TEXTS OF ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5, THEMSELVES, ARE AGREED.

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THE DIFFERENCES STILL REMAINING CONCERN THE WORDING OF THE AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II, PAR. 5, REGARDING LAUNCHERS DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS OR SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, OF THE AGREED STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERM "ICBM LAUNCHERS" AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE II, PAR. 1, AND OF THE CORRESPONDING COMMON UNDER-

STANDINGS.

PREVIOUSLY, THE USSR DELEGATION PRESENTED EXTENSIVE RATIONALE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RELEVANT TERMS USED IN THE FORMULATIONS OF ARTICLE II, PARS 1 AND 5.

THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH BY THE U.S. DELEGATION AT THE JANUARY 12, 1978 MEETING, CONCERNING, IN PARTICULAR, THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. SIDE ATTACHES TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE WORDING OF ARTICLE II, PAR. 5, AND THE CONSIDERATION THAT THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING ISSUES, HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

IN THE INTERESTS OF FURTHER EFFECTIVE PROGRESS AT THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE USSR DELEGATION IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE THAT THE RELEVANT AGREED STATEMENTS TO ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5, OF THE DRAFT TREATY BE AGREED IN THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

"AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE  
- TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE TERM "INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS" AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II INCLUDES ALL LAUNCHERS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS. IF A LAUNCHER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING AN ICBM, ALL  
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LAUNCHERS OF THAT TYPE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS."

"AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II OF THE  
- TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT IF A LAUNCHER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING AN ICBM OR AN SLBM EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, ALL LAUNCHERS OF THAT TYPE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS OR SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS."

IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM THAT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET SIDE TO INCLUDE AMONG MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ALL MISSILES OF THOSE TYPES WHICH HAVE BEEN TESTED WITH SUCH REENTRY VEHICLES, REMAINS CONTINGENT ON REACHING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE CRUISE MISSILE AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE RELEVANT COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS TO ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5, BE AGREED IN THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

"COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF  
- THE TREATY

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS  
THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT IF A LAUNCHER CONTAINS OR  
LAUNCHES AN ICBM, THAT LAUNCHER SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO  
HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS."

"COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II OF

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THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS  
THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT IF A LAUNCHER CONTAINS OR  
LAUNCHES AN ICBM OR AN SLBM EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, THAT  
LAUNCHER SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND  
TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS OR SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS."

THE WORDING PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE FOR THE AGREED  
STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II, PAR. 5, AS WELL AS FOR THE AGREED  
STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERM "ICBM LAUNCHERS" AS DEFINED  
IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THAT ARTICLE, REPRODUCES THE COINCIDING  
FORMULATIONS OF THESE PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT, WHICH ARE  
REFLECTED IN THE JOINT TEXT AS OF DECEMBER 16, 1977.

THERE IS ALSO A COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS ON THE RELEVANT  
COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS TO ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5.

THUS, THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF ARTICLE II, PARS. 1 AND 5, TO BE AGREED.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT  
REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE FORMULATIONS OF ARTICLE II,  
PARS. 1 AND 5, CONSTITUTES A SUBSTANTIAL STEP IN THE  
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT THIS  
WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON  
OTHER STILL OUTSTANDING PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT.

WE PROPOSE THAT THE DRAFTING GROUP BE INSTRUCTED IN AN  
APPROPRIATE MANNER TO REFLECT IN THE JOINT DRAFT THE AGREE-  
MENT REACHED IN THE AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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TODAY, I WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO DRAW THE U.S. DELEGATION'S  
ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY OF A PURPOSEFUL AND ACTIVE  
SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS REGARDING THE  
WORDING OF ARTICLE II, PAR. 3--ON THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY  
BOMBERS.

YOU ARE AWARE OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF THE  
SOVIET SIDE ON THIS RANGE OF ISSUES.

AT THE JANUARY 12, 1978 MEETING THE USSR DELEGATION  
CALLED ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS IN THIS  
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